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DARE INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Utah limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Missouri domiciled insurer; HORIZON TITLE AGENCY, Inc., a New Jersey domiciled company,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Case Action No.2:10-CV-06088(DRD)(MAS)

CERTIFICATION OF MICHAEL R.
O'DONNELL, ESQ. IN FURTHER
SUPPORT OF CHICAGO TITLE
INSURANCE COMPANY'S MOTION FOR
REVOCATION OF PRO HAC VICE
ADMISSIONS AND DISQUALIFICATION
OF COUNSEL

MOTION RETURN DATE: JANUARY 17, 2012

#### I, MICHAEL R. O'DONNELL, hereby certify as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and am a partner of the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP, attorneys for Chicago Title Insurance Company ("Chicago Title") in the above-captioned matter. As such, I am fully familiar with the facts stated herein based upon personal knowledge and review of documents. I make this certification in further support of Chicago Title Motion for Revocation of Pro Hac Vice Admissions and Disqualification of Counsel.
- 2. I have reviewed the January 13, 2012 brief submitted by Dare Investments, LLC ("Dare") and submit this certification to rebut certain factual inaccuracies contained therein

relating to a conversation I had with Gordon Duval on December 21, 2011 and the reason for Chicago Title's filing the instant motion.

- First, while completely irrelevant to the merits of this motion, Dare's uncertified 3. recitation of the conversation I had with Mr. Duval on pages 22-23 of its brief [Doc. 84], does not conform with my recollection of that conversation.
- More importantly, Dare's argument that Chicago Title filed the instant motion to 4, revoke the pro hac vice admission of Dare's counsel and to disqualify local counsel as a result of my conversation with Mr. Duval is completely false and wholly rebutted by documentary evidence.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and complete copy of the redacted call log 5. from my office telephone.
- As shown by the attached telephone records, I spoke with Gordon Duval on 6. December 21, 2011. I called him at 5:27 p.m. and he returned my call at 5:47 p.m. See Exhibit A attached hereto.
- Chicago Title filed its pending motion on December 21, 2011 at 11:55 a.m., more 7. than 5 hours before I spoke with Mr. Duval.
- 8. Further, during a status call with Judge Shipp on December 19, 2011, I advised the Court that Chicago Title planned on filing this motion, and was given permission to do so.
- 9. Therefore, it is completely false to suggest that Chicago Title filed this motion as a result of my conversation with Mr. Duval, when this motion was, in fact, filed before that conversation occurred.
- Moreover, on page 6 of Dare's brief [Doc. 84] as well as Paragraph 28 of the 10. Certification of Peter Strojnik [Doc. 84-1], Mr. Strojnik states that he advised me personally that

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he was being suspended by the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona. This is not true. At no

time did Mr. Strojnik tell me that he was being suspended by the Supreme Court of the State of

Arizona from the practice of law. Mr. Strojnik simply wrote me a letter, dated November 17,

2011, indicating that he was "tak[ing] this opportunity to suspend [his] practice for 30 days and

thus resolve some festering issues with the Arizona State Bar." See Nov. 17, 2011 Strojnik Sr.

Letter attached as Exhibit 16 to my December 21, 2011 Certification [Doc. 67-4].

11. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and complete copy of the Application for

Appearance Pro Hac Vice in Arizona State Court. This form was obtained from the State Bar of

Arizona Website at http://www.azbar.org/membership/admissions/admissionprohacvice.

12. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and complete copy of the Application for

Appearance Pro Hac Vice in U.S. District Court for the District of Ariziona.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware

that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to

punishment.

DATED: January 17, 2012

/S/ MICHAEL R. O'DONNELL MICHAEL R. O'DONNELL

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# Exhibit A

[Call Detail by Organization Report]

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## Exhibit B



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Attn: Pro Hac Vice Dept 4201 N. 24th St., Ste 200 Phoenix, AZ 85016-6288 Phone: 602-340-7239

### Application for Appearance Pro Hac Vice PART I: Applicant Information Name of Applicant: Firm/Company Name: Office Address: Telephone: Fax: Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Residence Address:\_ Title of cause or case where applicant seeks to appear: Docket Number: Court, Board, or Administrative Agency:\_\_\_\_ Party on whose behalf applicant seeks to appear: Pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 38(a)(4), the applicant shall complete the information below: Courts to Which Applicant Has Been Admitted: (Attach additional pages if necessary) Bar Number: Date of Admission: Applicant is a member in good standing in such courts. Applicant is not currently disbarred or suspended in any court. Applicant $\square$ is / $\square$ is not (select one) currently subject to any pending disciplinary proceeding or investigation by any court, agency or organization authorized to discipline attorneys at law. In the preceding three (3) years, applicant has filed applications to appear as counsel under Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., Rule 38(a) in the following: Title of Matter: Docket #: Court or Agency: App Granted? (Y/N) This case or cause [is / is not (select one) a related or consolidated matter for which applicant has previously applied to appear pro hac vice in Arizona. If this matter is a related or consolidated with any previous application, Applicant certifies that he/she will review and comply with appropriate rules of procedure as required in the underlying cause. If applicable, please provide related or consolidated matter application or docket#\_\_\_\_ Revised 08/22/11

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PART II: Local Counsel Information				
Name of Arizona Local Counsel:				
State Bar of Arizona Number:				
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## Exhibit C

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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